

In the Specification:

On page 2, please replace the 2nd paragraph with the following paragraph.

- Various field device manufacturers have, therefore, come together in PNO (POFIBUS Nutzerorganisation e.V.), for the purpose of enabling a simpler handling of field devices. The field device manufacturers develop special software modules for their field devices. These software modules are delivered with the field devices to the customers. Each software module encapsulates all data and functions of the particular field device and represents, in principle, a black box. Additionally, the device manufacturer can integrate into these software modules its own "look and feel". I.e., the user interface always looks the same to the user, independently of the particular application. The application program, which serves e.g. for configuring, visualizing, operating and maintaining the different field devices, accesses the particular software modules of the field device via a defined interface. One possibility is the FDT/DTM interface specification, as given in the Profibus Guideline-Order No. 2.162 , volume 3, of November 2000, which can be obtained via the PNO, Karlsruhe, Germany (www.profibus.com). The content of such guideline is incorporated here by reference.--

On page 5, please replace the 2nd paragraph with the following paragraph:

- Furthermore, from the standard device descriptions (EDD 1.1) (PROFIBUS Guideline -Order No. 2.162 "Specification for profibus Device Description and device Integration", Volume 2) then available in syntactically and semantically correct form., PDM device descriptions can likewise be easily produced.--